

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
DISTRICT IV**

November 16, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Stanley/Aley Community School Center, 1749 South Martinson

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Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
June Bailey
Dorman Blake
Bonny Johnson-Patrick
Tom Kessler
Edwin Koon
Jerry McGinty
Paul Ward
Wayne Wells
Bea Vickers

Members Absent

Chris Carraher
Iola Crandall

Guests

Gerald Barker
Officer Wood
Officer Kyle
Officer Bachman
Officer Mar

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 7:02 p.m. **Council Member Bill Gale** called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, and thanked audience members for attending. **Gale** reviewed the DAB concept and its role in the City of Wichita's philosophy of citizen engagement.

Council Member Gale asked for modifications to November 15, 2000 minutes. No modifications were received, **Bonny Johnson-Patrick (Wells)** moved to accept the November 15, 2000 minutes as submitted. Motion passed (9-0)

Council Member Gale indicated agenda modification removing Item # 2 from the agenda and commended **Wayne Wells** on the article published in the Wichita Eagle. **Johnson-Patrick (Blake)** moved to accept the agenda as amended. Motion Passed (9-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

At this time the DAB will hear public comments regarding individual citizen comment on issues not on the agenda pertaining to the City of Wichita.

No request for the Public agenda were received or presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Engine Compression Release Brakes

The Wichita City Council has referred this matter to the District Advisory Board for consideration and recommendation. Residents have expressed concerns to the City regarding the use of “jake brakes,” engine compression release brakes, used on some diesel trucks. The issue is related to the noise caused by the truck reducing its speed in order to stop at an intersection, interchange, or turnpike tollbooth.

Recommended Action: Provide Recommendation

Council Member Gale asked if audience would like to address the DAB regarding this issue. **Jerry Barker** introduced himself and stated he lives near I-135 and the Interstate and has been “bombarded” with noise pollution from semi-tractor trailers using muffled braking systems. **Barker** presented a petition with 25 signatures voicing support for an ordinance prohibiting the use of such systems. The same group of citizens has contacted Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) regarding the matter and indicated the agencies will not assist because it is viewed as a local noise nuisance matter. **Barker** presented himself for questions from DAB Members.

Bea Vickers inquired if the braking systems could be disabled. **Barker** stated the systems could be turned off and stated most communities throughout the State of Oregon have ordinances addressing such braking systems.

Tom Kessler stated he resides near a high traffic area and the noise from the brakes is “incredible” but that the traffic noise only becomes audible when the braking system is applied.

Wayne Wells is encouraged that other citizens are concerned over the matter, as the point has been addressed in Delano’s Development Plan. **Wells** stated the system only assist in braking and are not substitutes from brakes. The purpose of the muffled braking system is save wear and tear as well as extending the life of brake shoes. **Wells** would like something to be done and believes the presence of a sign will deter many of the drivers using the system.

Ed Koon stated if the signs cannot be post on the interstate right of way or corridor then signs should be placed as close as possible to deter usage. **Paul Ward** indicated his concern is visibility on interstate ramps and transient traffic.

June Bailey asked if the state was approached to place potential signage on rights of way. **Brian Silcott** stated the state has been contacted and to his knowledge will not allow any signage access to state maintained corridors.

Wayne Wells (Vickers) moved to refer the matter to **Mike Taylor**, Intergovernmental Relations Director, for pursuit in the legislature. Motion passed (9-0) **Council Member Gale** thanked **Barker** for attending and providing input.

NEIGHBORHOOD AGENDA

2. Neighborhood Calendar

DAB Members and Private Citizens may announce neighborhood and community happenings and place events on the District IV Calendar.

Recommended Action: Review and File.

Paul Ward, Southwest Neighborhood Association, the health fair went well and had a good turnout, although flu shots were unavailable. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. located in St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Bonny Johnson-Patrick, Southwest Village Neighborhood Association, distributed the association's Winter 2000 newsletter and reviewed the upcoming identi-kid program and Christmas Light competition.

Ed Koon, Orchard Breeze Neighborhood Association, stated the next Access Management Committee will meet in January.

June Bailey

Adjournment